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C O N F I D E N T I A L HONG KONG 3678

EO 11652: GDS
TAGS: EWTD, TW, US, CH
SUBJECT: US COMPANIES BARRED FROM CANTON FAIR

REF: 76 HONG KONG 13775

SUMMARY: UNION CARBIDE AND GENERAL ELECTRIC HAVE
AGAIN BEEN DENIED INVITATIONS TO THE CANTON FAIR BECAUSE
OF THEIR MEMBERSHIP IN THE UNITED STATES-REPUBLIC OF
CHINA ECONOMIC COUNCIL. END SUMMARY.

1. HONG KONG REPS OF UNION CARBIDE AND GENERAL ELECTRIC
TOLD CONGENOFF ON MARCH 31 THAT THE PRC HAD ONCE AGAIN
DECLINED TO INVITE THEIR FIRMS TO THE CANTON FAIR. AS
REPORTED REFTEL, ALTHOUGH THESE FIRMS' HEAD OFFICES
WERE REFUSED INVITATIONS TO THE FALL 1976 FAIR, HONG KONG
REPS WERE ABLE TO GET INVITATIONS THROUGH CHINA RESOURCES
COMPANY (CRC) IN HONG KONG. NEITHER REP EXPECTS TO
RECEIVE AN INVITATION FROM CHINA RESOURCES THIS YEAR.
IN FACT, A UNION CARBIDE OFFICIAL WAS RECENTLY SUMMONED
TO CRC AND TOLD FLATLY THAT NO INVITATION WILL BE GIVEN
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UNLESS UNION CARBIDE WITHDRAWS FROM USROCEC. IF IT WERE TO
WITHDRAWN, HOWEVER, AN INVITATION WOULD BE IMMEDIATELY
FORTHCOMING. GE HAS NOT BEEN REFUSED DIRECTLY, BUT IS
BEING GIVEN A POLITE BRUSH OFF.

2. GE REP IN HONG KONG EXPRESSED SOME SURPRISE THAT
PEKING'S ATTITUDE REMAINS UNCOMPROMISING. HE HAD, HE

SAID, BEEN LED TO BELIEVE THE CHINESE ATTITUDE HAD
SOFTENED CONSIDERABLY. AT THE FALL 1976 FAIR, THIS REP
TOLD PRC OFFICIALS THAT IF GE HAD TO CHOOSE BETWEEN
TAIWAN AND THE PRC IT WOULD DEFINITELY CHOOSE TAIWAN.

3. THE USROCEO ISSUE HAS BEEN GIVEN WIDE PLAY IN
REGIONAL PAPERS, AND HONG KONG BUSINESSMEN ARE
CONCERNED THAT THEIR USROCEC-RELATED PROBLEMS NOT BE
PUBLICIZED. THE ABOVE INFORMATION AND SOURCES SHOULD,
THEREFORE, BE CAREFULLY PROTECTED.
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